

NEW GARBAGE ORDINANCE PASSES FIRST READING

Council Takes Up Troublesome Matter at Adjourned Meeting

APPLICANTS FOR POLICE

To Cover Hill District Heard But No One is Elected to the Position

The new garbage ordinance which has been in preparation by the ordinance committee of council was taken up last night at the regular adjournment meeting and passed first reading. This ordinance if it passes the three readings will mean a better method of handling the garbage, which has been causing the boro so much trouble. By it the garbage handling will be done by contract, as in several other cities. It is likely that part of the old ordinance will have to be revoked.

The applications for the new policeman for the hill district were taken up, there being four persons desirous of the position. They were: Mr. Ambruster, Benjamin Zimmers, W. H. Riggie and Mr. Schafer. Secret ballot was taken five times by council, but none of the applicants secured the necessary four votes, so the matter was laid on the table until Thursday night. The applicants are to be notified in the meantime, that the one elected is to act as a policeman or fireman as council may direct.

The annual report of the treasurer was read, accepted and filed and the auditor's report was held over until Thursday night's meeting. The new elected treasurer's bond was accepted. Detective W. H. Riggie had a communication asking that he be allowed at his own expense to build a kennel for his bloodhounds in back of the lockup. The matter was held over until next meeting.

The request of the Board of Health that Robert Phillips be elected to serve as a member of that body was granted.

The matter of the grade and sidewalks on Lincoln avenue was placed in the hands of the street committee for investigation, to report to council.

Referring to the work of forest preservation in our state the Franklin Evening News says: "This state now owns eight hundred and fifty thousand acres of forest land, but like most of it, very low priced, but likely to bear timber again some day. Eighty four thousand acres have been bought within the last month. Thus large areas of free land will be secured for the use of the public and the chances are that it will for the most part be left to nature, so that the custom of making an artificial appearance in the wood by trimming and clearing things up, as private owners are prone to do, will not spoil all the wildwood in the commonwealth. As a preserver of game, a protector of water supplies and a conservator of the timber supply the forestry department is a good thing and ought to be encouraged. Some time the state will get large sums of wood and lumber from its lands, as Germany and other countries do now."

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LOOKS LIKE ACHESON WOULD MAKE FIGHT

Washington, Pa., April 13.—Congressman E. F. Acheson is apparently preparing to make an independent fight for congress in the Twenty-fourth district against John K. Tener, the regular Republican nominee. With the consent of Acheson some of his friends in the Republican party are circulating petitions requesting him to become an independent candidate in November.

These petitioners are of the local option wing of the Republican party, who state they will not support Tener. They argue that Acheson is an independent candidate would draw heavy support from all parties. The Rev. Frank Fish of Claysville, the prohibition congressional nominee, is quoted as saying that he expects to draw a greater portion of the Republican vote that supported Acheson at the primaries. The prohibition vote in the district is about 2,000. Carl Gibson of Monongahela, the Democratic nominee, has declared his intention of making an active fight. Mr. Acheson today refused to discuss the proposition of running independently. It is believed, however, that he will fight Tener at the November election.

"They all Look Alike to Mary."

This is the title of the next song to be given with the New York Sunday World. Words and music complete. Comic song hit of Ziegfeld's "Follies of 1907," which enjoyed a wonderful run at the New York Theatre last year and is now on a return engagement to New York. This is a great comic song. Humorous cover design by Stanlows in color. Words and music by Billy Kent. Song published by arrangement with Maurice Shapiro.

Spring Opening.

Of Wagner's Ice Cream parlor on Wednesday. Afternoon 2 to 4; evening 7 to 11. Jenkin's orchestra. Go and see the Palace beautiful. 201212

THOUGHT HE WAS MORTALLY WOUNDED

Monongahela, April 13.—Two men were wounded by the accidental discharge of a revolver in a second hand store last evening. Bennie Wolfson, the proprietor, watched his assistant, Sam Lassenaky, prepare to repair a revolver. The weapon was loaded. One shell exploded.

The ball went through Sam's finger and then penetrated the fleshy portion of Bennie's arm. Despite Bennie's cries and shouts of terror that he was mortally wounded, such was not the case. Dr. Stewart dressed the injuries and pronounced them trivial.

Wagner's Ice Cream.

You will find better ice cream at Wagner's, than any other place. Opening Wednesday afternoon and evening, hours 2 to 4 and 7 to 11. Jenkin's orchestra. 201212

Al Monie.

A black face comedian who is better than most black face men. At the Star. 21112

Ladies be Wise.

Buy your Easter outfit at Ross'. 201112

For Sale.

One Economy Gas Range. Party giving up housekeeping will sell above very cheap. Has been used four months. Can be seen at Fleming's McKean Ave. 201238

Ever See Rats Act?

If not, or if so, go and see Dubee's animal circus at the Star. Three days only. 21112

Gets all Votes in His Ward.

One of the most remarkable features of the Republican primary election in this county Saturday was the vote polled by Charles A. Bentley, who is a candidate for re-election to the State Legislature. In his own, the Second ward, Monongahela, he received all of the 127 Republican votes cast.

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NEWS OF THE NEIGHBORING TOWNS TOLD

Lover.

Lover, Pa., April 13.—Mr. and Mrs. Laurie Gossitt and baby of Fredericktown, spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of Mrs. Gossitt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hopewell.

Jacob Sphar who has been seriously ill for the past few days is some better.

Amos Bonnell and family are moving to Gallatin where Mr. Bonnell is employed.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bitner of West Pike Run, entertained several young folks Saturday evening. Those who were invited from here were Blaine Duvall, Charles Fox and Wm. Allman.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rider were visiting relatives at Charleroi Sunday.

Miss Gleason, the young lady who nursed Mrs. Jefferson Duvall, an aged lady of Jonestown, visited Mrs. Jacob Duvall last week.

The measles patients are Samuel Morris and family near Garwood, Charles Scott's children, Velma Carson, Clay Williams and Ruth Sharp. Several others of the White Pigeon school who have been having them are almost well again.

A. B. Lutes and family, Noah Carson and family spent Sunday at the home of the Sprowls Brothers, near Garwood.

Mrs. Laura Dickey spent Sunday with her sister at Belle Vernon.

Miss Allie Harrison spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of Joe Winnett.

Hiram Hennen has had a phone placed in his residence.

The young folks attended a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Bonnell Saturday evening.

Miss Bertha Hennen spent Saturday and Sunday with her cousin, Miss Elsie Hennen.

Mrs. A. B. Walter who has been quite sick for five weeks is able to be out again.

Miss Maggie Bonnell is visiting at the home of Walter Pryor near Garwood.

Thomas Richards who had his hand hurt in a corn sheller some time ago is not much improved.

White Pigeon school closed last Thursday. Owing to measles in this school not many of the scholars were able to attend. However those who were able to be present and with the visitors who came in the afternoon the time was pleasantly spent. The teacher, Charles Fox, was presented with a pretty collar and cuff box. He in turn presented all his scholars with a book. Velma Carson, Helen Sphar, Olive Scott and Viola Morris received gold pens. Etta Scott and Noel Almar received pencil boxes.

North Charleroi

North Charleroi, April 14.—Miss Stella Jacobs of West Elizabeth spent Sunday with her grandparents here.

W. F. Kline of Lock No. 3 spent Sunday at his home here.

L. E. Price of Str. Swan, Port Perry was calling on friends over Sunday.

Joseph Allfree of Lock No. 3 spent Sunday at his home here.

J. C. Powell of Lock 2 was visiting at the home of E. Lambert, Saturday.

Miss Nellie Rader has returned to her home in Port Perry after spending some time with her sister Mrs. Charles Crabb.

Miss Joetta Gregg of Coal Centre is spending a few days with relatives here.

Mrs. E. Lambert has returned home after spending a week with relatives in Coal Centre. Mrs. Lambert attended the funeral of her brother-in-law, L. D. Piper, Sr., who was buried Thursday.

Mary Wilson, of Vesta was in town Saturday.

Miss Luceta Gregg has returned to her home in Coal Centre after visiting friends here.

Capt. Coraine and wife were Pittsburgh visitors Saturday.

Albert Spence was in town Saturday.

Edgar Cocaine was a Belle Vernon caller.

Allen Neuman of Venetia spent Sunday at the home of M. Davis.

George Pegg was a Monongahela caller yesterday.

William Shans and Andrew Craty were Monongahela callers Sunday.

Mr. Farmer; See Mountsior of Charleroi for seed oats and seed corn. 19-S if

BIG FIRE AT M'MAHON BORO DESTROYS PROPERTY

FOREIGNERS ENTERED HOME OF AGED COUPLE

An aged couple of near Booth, up Pigeon Creek, were severely maltreated by three foreigners who forced an entry into their house at an early hour yesterday morning. The men are now under arrest, charged with forcible entry and assault and battery with intent to kill.

About 2 o'clock in the morning Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Blatt were aroused by persons breaking into their house. Before they could realize what was being attempted Mrs. Blatt was seized. She was brutally handled by her assailants despite her own struggles and the efforts of her husband. The men finally turned their attention to Mr. Blatt. He was also severely beaten. Although Mr. and Mrs. Blatt were helpless the men finally left. However before leaving the premises the foreigners continued to vent their spite against the Blatts by hurling rocks and stones through the doors and windows.

The men arrested for the crime are John Toncheff and Mike and Joe Damasko. This morning Mr. Blatt appeared before Alderman Sarver, of this place and made information against the trio. They were arrested by Officer Tidball.

Neither Mr. nor Mrs. Blatt received dangerous injuries at the hands of the thugs. The men apparently had no intention of robbing when the house was entered as no attempt was made to carry off anything.

Everything Beautiful.

Wagner's Ice Cream parlor, which opens for the spring, on Wednesday is more beautiful than a millinery parlor. Jenkin's orchestra. Hours 2 to 4 and 7 to 11. 201212

Up-to-date Sketch

See Harry and Katherine Mitchell in their latest stunt. At the Star. 21112

WAGNER'S SPRING OPENING WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday Wagner's Ice Cream Parlor, on McKean avenue will be opened for the spring and summer, the opening this year to eclipse that of last year as an enjoyable event, if possible. There will be music by Jenkin's orchestra. Hours will be from 2 to 4 in the afternoon and 7 to 11 in the evening.

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Attend Wagner's Opening.

On Wednesday Wagner's Ice Cream Parlor and confectionary will be opened for the spring. Jenkin's orchestra will furnish music. Hours, 2 to 4 and 7 to 11. 201212

Several Buildings Burned and Loss Will be About \$8,000
STARTED AT 4 O'CLOCK

Monessen Fire Department
Did Noble Work in Checking the Flames

This morning a big fire occurred at McMahon boro which destroyed several buildings, threatening for a time to wipe out the whole town. The total loss of property is estimated to be about \$8000. The Monessen Fire company was called soon after the fire was discovered and did heroic work, succeeding after nearly three hours of fighting, in checking the progress of the fire and getting it under control.

The fire started at 3:39 in the rear of a building belonging to Charles Resennin, and quickly spread to adjoining buildings. Before the Monessen Fire company could arrive upon the scene there were several houses on fire and the flames were gaining rapidly.

Even after the fire fighters arrived they had considerable trouble in getting a stream to play on any of the burning buildings, for the reason that they had to connect with a Monessen plug 750 feet away. This of course lessened the force of the water, but the wind was favorable and by five o'clock the fire was well in hand, and a little after entirely under control.

The following are the owners of property who suffered heavily: Arvi Faxberry, 2 houses, each worth \$1500, partially covered by insurance; Charles Resennin, building worth \$1500 insurance; Baptist church and a church adjoining belonging to the Baptist congregation, total loss \$2500; Jacob Ardeo, building worth \$1000, totally destroyed.

Wind Up.

And buy your Easter suit at Ross'. 201112

WELL KNOWN MAN OF BROWNSVILLE DIES

Brownsville, April 3.—Oliver Miller, aged 76, a leading citizen of Fayette county, and widely known to the business people of Western Pennsylvania, is dead at his home in Brownsville. He conducted a flourishing mill in Brownsville for about 25 years and was personally acquainted with every farm owner in the three counties adjoining Fayette.

Mr. Miller was a large owner of coking coal lands and several years ago sold some of his properties from which he amassed a competency and retired from active business affairs. He was active in public affairs of the county and was a director in all the banks of Brownsville and in a number of industrial companies.

He is survived by his widow, one brother and one sister.

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April 14 In History.

1861—Fort Sumter taken possession
of by Confederates, the Federals
marching out with flying colors.
1865—President Abraham Lincoln as-
sassinated by Wilkes Booth.
1905—Remains of Paul Jones, naval
hero of the American Revolution,
discovered in Paris.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS:

Tonight and Tomorrow Morning.
Sun sets 6:34, rises 5:17, moon sets
5:13 a. m.; 4 p. m., planets Saturn and
Mercury in conjunction, Mercury being
less than one-half degree north of Sat-
urn; invisible because too near the
sun.

Arbor Day.

The American people are on the
verge of a timber famine. The an-
nual consumption of lumber is now
more than three times as great as the
annual growth. At the present rate
of growth and consumption, the day
is not far distant when the scarcity
of wood will be felt in our homes as
well as in our industries. Equally
serious is the waste of soil, which is
due to the reckless destruction of our
forests. Every time our creeks and
rivers become muddy we can see the
action of swollen streams in robbing
the land of its fertility. Forests
regulate the distribution of rainfall
and lessen the frequency and destruc-
tive effect of floods and freshets.

Pennsylvania has made a com-
mendable beginning in systematic
forestry. The State now owns more
than three-quarters of a million acres
of forest land. Under proper tilling
the farm does not lose by yielding a
harvest, and under proper methods of
forestry the mercantile timber can be
put upon the market without detri-
ment to the forest.

Trees are valuable not merely for
use as lumber, but also for shade and
fruit. Our State occupies a foremost
place in the value of its orchards and
fruit-trees. The rising generation
should feel a special interest in the
planting of the best varieties of
trees, and in their growth and pro-
tection against noxious insects and
other enemies. The annual obser-
vance of Arbor Day by the schools
and by the people, in cities as well
as in rural sections, has helped to
create public sentiment and to dis-
seminate useful knowledge with re-
ference to the planting and care of
trees and the preservation of our for-
ests.

In view of the benefits which arise
from the proper observance of Arbor
Day, Edwin S. Stuart, Governor of

Pennsylvania, has designated Friday,
the twenty-fourth day of April, 1906,
to be observed as Arbor Days throughout
the Commonwealth.

The merchants of Charleroi who
deal in feminine and those who
deal in masculine adornment as well,
are enjoying the trade that usually
comes just previous to Easter. There
is no need to go outside of the town
for anything needed. Charleroi
stores keep up-to-date the year around
and very false economy is practiced
by the buyer who expends train fare,
valuable time to go to the city to
buy, then only to find that the same
goods at perhaps a lower price are to
be found in the home town.

The missing word contest started
by the Mail is exciting a great deal
of interest and many replies have
come in, supplying the missing word.
The first week of the contest was pur-
posefully made easy of solution in order
to have as many enter the contest as
possible. Those to follow will re-
quire more study and incidentally
compel the reader to read the adver-
tisements more closely. Watch for
the next page of advertising contain-
ing the missing word to be published
on Thursday.

While politics, and especially the
kind of politics afforded in Washing-
ton county, has a great deal of inter-
est to many readers, it is realized
there is also a large number who con-
sider the space devoted to the subject
a waste and the matter unworthy of
reading. The Mail hopes to "return
to earth" now and give the full quota
of local news, realizing that this
feature has been sadly neglected in
the stress of recent events.

Among the successful aspirants for
nomination for Assembly is Cary L.
Shuck, of Monessen, editor of the
Monessen News, who led the ticket in
his town and polled a deserved major-
ity elsewhere. Cary is the right sort
for the responsibilities of the office.

Some Echoes.

Congressman Acheson's new Local
Option nag appears to have been an
unbustible broncho. The Catfish
statesman was thrown down.—Con-
nellsville Courier.

John K. Tener, congressman, me-
be. He's big enough and handsome
enough and he's a Republican.—New
Castle Herald.

There appears to be a desire for a
change in the representative in Con-
gress in E. F. Acheson's district.—
Uniontown News Standard.

The voting was free from disorder,
and this is to the credit of the com-
munity and the county.—Canonsburg
Notes.

It was a fair and square contest
among Americans and settled in the
American way.—Donora Daily News.

A Wrong Diagnosis.

The small boy with the big bundle
of papers was observed to be moisten-
ing some of his stock in the street
fountain.
"Ah, my lad," said a benevolent old
gentleman, "it does me good to see
such an illustration of cleanliness."
"What do yer mean, boss?" asked
the boy as he stared up in wonder.
"Why, aren't you trying to wash
the mud spots off the edge of your
papers?"

"No, boss, you are way off. You
see, some of dese papers is two weeks
old, an' if I dampen 'em up a bit peo-
ple will think they are just from de
press an' never think of lookin' at de
date. Good graft, old sport! Say,
some day when I am a captain of in-
dustry I'll give you a job."

But the benevolent old gentleman
had fled.—Boston Post.

Gems In Verse

ON CUSTER BATTLEFIELD.

A CROSS of white, mid clustered head-
stones—a hill that sweeps unto the
stream
Where, on that tragic day in June time,
one caught the tepees' snowlike
gleam.

THE plains are brown, and from the
hillside they stretch in gentle waves
afar;
The silence of sweet peace broods o'er
them—there is no horrid hint of war.

NO hint save marble slabs, far scattered
—some on the ridge, some in the
vale—
That tell of men by death o'ertaken,
swept down in one unsparring gale.

NO sound to break the prairie quiet—
but suddenly there seems to float
A song that breathes of benediction—the
meadow lark's pure liquid note.
—Denver Republican.

ETIQUETTE IN KASSALA.

A Chat Between a Male Heavthen and
Two Native Ladies.

Some of the traditional observances
in the polite society of other lands af-
ford, in addition to amusement, con-
siderable opposition to the free inter-
course to which modern conditions
have accustomed us. Mrs. Speedy,
one of the first English ladies to visit
Kassala, gives a good instance of this
in her "Wanderings in the Sudan"
when relating how she and her hus-
band received their first callers. Their
patroness was an Italian lady who had
long been a resident of the city.

"In the morning a rap came to the
door," writes Mrs. Speedy, "and on
opening it I saw madame, with two
Arab women, standing outside. She in-
quired cautiously if Charlie were with-
in, and on my saying that he was she
made a sign to the two ladies, who
drew the thickly concealing shawl still
more closely over their hidden faces
and moved off to one side in the pas-
sage, turning their backs to the door-
way.

"She then explained to me that they
were of very high rank and of a very
strict sect and must on no account be
seen by a strange man, especially not
by one who was of another nation and
an infidel. They were, however, very
anxious to see me and had come to do
me that honor, and if Charlie would
not object to go below or into some
other room for a few minutes they
would make their visit very short.

"I represented the state of the case,
and he at once consented to absent
himself, his only regret being that he
should not have a chance to converse
with these ladies, as there were many
things which he wished especially to
know and which he was not likely to
have any opportunity so good as the
present for ascertaining. In turn, I
represented this side of the question
to madame, and after much hesitation
and whispered conversation in the pas-
sage a compromise was effected.

"It was arranged that, completely
veiled, the ladies should enter the
room, not venturing to turn their heads
in the direction of the masculine heav-
then, and that he should before they
entered turn his back to the direction
by which they would come in.

"This was all strictly carried out, and
thus, back to back and a considerable
distance apart, an edifying conversation
went on for half an hour, questions
being put in bland, inquiring tones and
dilect replies given, which appeared to
be quite satisfactory to both parties."

The Longest "Straight."

To the Buenos Aires and Pacific
railway belongs the peculiar distinction
of having on its system the longest
straight stretch of railway in the
world. The length of this is 205 1/2
miles, and it is situated on the main
line, between 158 and 303 1/2 miles from
Buenos Aires. The straight was for-
merly broken by reverse curves form-
ing a detour around Lake Soria. The
longer portion was then 175 miles long
and was even then the world's record.
The lake having, however, practically
dried up, the company suppressed the
curves, and the cutoff was opened to
service on Oct. 15, 1907. It seems that
when the line was set out in the sev-
enties, at which time the country was
in the hands of the Indians, after leav-
ing Junin, which was a military out-
post and the last point of contact with
the Buenos Aires civilization, a course
of about west northwest was set and the
line run straight across the flat pampas
until it met another line about sixty
miles long, which was pushed out east-
ward from the western terminus, Villa
Mercedes. There were no obstacles of
importance to avoid, and hence the
phenomenal bee-line.—Engineer

Cain's Wife.

"I never discuss marriage," said the
late General Fitz-Hugh Lee, "without
thinking of an old colored preacher in
my state who was addressing his dark
skinned congregation when a white
man rose up in the back of the build-
ing.

"Mr. Preacher," said the white man,
"sit to you," said the parson.
"Mr. Preacher, you are talking about
Cain, and you say he got married in the
land of Nod after he killed Abel. But
the Bible only mentions Adam and
Eve as being on the earth at that time.
Whom, then, did Cain marry?"

"The colored preacher snorted with
unfeigned contempt.

"Huh!" he said. "You hear dat, bro-
ther an' sisters? You hear dat fool
question I am axed? Cain, he went to
de land of Nod, just as de good book
tells us, an' in de land of Nod Cain
gets so lazy an' so shifless dat he up
an' marries a gal of one o' dem no
count pore white trash families dat
de inspired apostle didn't consider
fitfin' to mention in de holy word."

Departed Glories of Fez.

Fez the "fertile" the Rome of the
western Arabs, still retains traces of
the magnificence which made her in the
middle ages the rival of Mecca. In the
twelfth century the holy city, to which
when the road to Mecca was closed
pilgrimages were made, contained as
many as 700 temples, fifty of which
were adorned with marble pillars. In
those old days the city was the haunt
of philosophers, physicians and astron-
omers. A mere formal pretense of
study is now all that is practiced.
"They have Euclid in folio volumes," a
traveler writes, "but neither copied
nor read. The teacher sits crosslegged
on the ground and repeats in a
drawing tone between singing and
crying words which are echoed by the
scholars sitting around him." Fez, how-
ever, is honest enough in one respect—
she does not believe in outward show.
In the interior of the houses are apart-
ments decorated with paintings and
arabesques, while the outside walls
are often built of mud.

A GREAT CONVENTION OF COAL OPERATORS

A big meeting of the coal mining
men of West Virginia will be held at
Clarkeburg on Monday and Tuesday,
June 25 and 30, organizing a State
Mining Institute, to be composed of
mining engineers, coal operators,
mine inspectors, miners and others
interested in mining.

The purpose of the organization is
to advance the coal mining industry
within the State; to encourage the
promotion of education in practical
and scientific mining; and for the
more particular purpose of bringing
the coal mining men of the State into
closer relation with one another and
promoting of friendly feeling through
social intercourse and the discussion
of mutual interests.

The first day of the big meeting
will be devoted to the organization of
the institute and on Tuesday, June 30,
papers on mines and mining will be
read and discussed. An effort will be
made to present a program suggestive
of good, practical discussion such as
will lead to the betterment of condi-
tions in general surrounding the coal
mining industry of the State.

Letters will shortly be sent out to
all parts of the State calling upon
the mining men to attend this big
meeting. The letters will be signed
by J. B. Hanford of Morgantown,
Chairman and John S. Cummings of
Tunnelton, Secretary. Mr. Hanford
is Vice President of the Coal Mining
Institute of America and General
Superintendent of the Elkins Coal and
Coke company.

Much Scandal Suppressed.

There are a lot of people talking
about "yellow journalism" and the
"unbridled press" and all that sort
of thing who really do not know what
they are talking about. If the news-
papers were to print one-half of the
things they know about prominent
citizens and their lives and their
families and one-quarter of the
things that anonymous writers send
in to them and which are often found
to be true when investigated, there
are many reputations that would be
shriveled up and and lots of families
that would be broken up. The news-
papers suppress far more than they
print. For every scandal that finds
its way into a newspaper a dozen are
suppressed out of consideration for
the families concerned. The average
newspaper suppresses a good deal
more news of an unsavory kind than
it prints. The true editor always
tries to make his newspaper superior
to the ideals of his clientele.—Pater-
son (N. J.) News.

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there is in many other respects a
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sults very disastrously. In these
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ciency in our fire department, better
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tems, scientific examination of large
ricks by inspection bureaus, improved
building codes, better methods and
materials, and still the annual fire
loss mounts up higher and higher.
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cigar stubs carelessly away and par-
ents still allow their children to play
with matches, in spite of the known
danger of these so doing. We smil-
ingly assume the hazard of loss by
fire hundreds of times at home and
abroad, blindly trusting in that provi-
dence which are according to tradi-
tion, watches over fools and drunken
men. Household and business men
ought especially to have the fear of
fire constantly before them, and by
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LAW AND LITERATURE.

Writers Who Might Have Won Reputa-
tion at the Bar.

The old connection between law and
literature was strengthened by the late
Sir Lewis Morris, who practiced as a
conveyancer in Lincoln's Inn while he
was establishing his reputation as a
poet. There have been several poets
who have abandoned the steep places
of the bar for the slopes of Parnassus,
but the late Sir Lewis Morris is the
only poet of repute who has found the
tasks of conveyancer not incompatible
with the cultivation of the muse. R.
D. Blackmore, the author of "Lorna
Doone," practiced as a conveyancer for
several years. Sir Walter Scott, speak-
ing of himself and law, said, "There
was no great love between us, and it
pleased heaven to decrease it on fur-
ther acquaintance." Most of the poets
who have sprung from the legal profes-
sion appear to have entertained the
same unfavorable view. Cowper, who
was a fellow pupil of Lord Thurlow
an attorney's office, was called to the
bar at the Middle Temple, but he quick-
ly yielded himself to the charms of
literature. Denham was a member of
Lincoln's Inn, and Thomas Gray, the
author of the famous "Elegy Written
in a Country Churchyard," studied for
the bar, but neither of these got beyond
the apprenticeship stage. Barry Cor-
nwall was a solicitor.—Law Journal.

A HOMESICK PIONEER.

Poetic Plaint of One of the Early Set-
tlers in Missouri.

In wonder the people of today read
of the persistent cheerfulness with
which the pioneers went about the
business of settling the great west.
Nevertheless it somehow gratifies the
weakness of human nature to know
that there was now and then a wearer
of the deerskin leggings and coonskin
cap who grumbled.

One early settler who went from a
snug New England village to the fever
haunted prairies along the Missouri
was moved to put his complaints into
rhymes, one of which has survived
and is now carefully preserved by the
descendants of the early settler, who
live surrounded by the peaceful pros-
perity and comfort of a Missouri farm
right in the heart of the anathematized
prairie:

Oh, lonesome windy, grassy place,
Where buffalo and snake prevail—
The first with dreadful looking face,
The last with dreadful sounding tail—
I'd rather live on camel hump
And be a Yankee doodle skunk
Than where I never see a stump
And shake to death with fever ager.
Judging from the last line, one might
conclude that an acute attack of "ager"
had suddenly prevented him from contin-
uing.

Breaking It Gently.

A man who had literary aspirations,
but lacked the literary instinct, once
wrote a story and took it to the editor
of a magazine. "I want you to read it
over carefully," he said. "It's intended
for a satire, and, if I do say it myself,
I think it's pretty clever."

The editor took the manuscript and
began to read it. A page or two sufficed
to show him its utter hopelessness
for purposes of publication, but he hesi-
tated to crush a budding author and
proceeded to temporize.
"Why, Mr.—er—Simmons," he said,
"your story has some crudities, of
course, and—er—"
"It's better as you got into it," inter-
rupted the other complacently. "It's
like some of Thackeray's stories."

"Ah, yes, Mr. Simmons; you do re-
mind me somewhat of Thackeray."

"Do I?" inquired the caller.

"Yes," rejoined the editor, handing
him the manuscript. "You have a nose
just like his."—Youth's Companion.

Proper Form of Asseveration.

A teacher in the Garfield school was
teaching a primary class the begin-
nings of arithmetic.
"Now, I have one pencil in my right
hand and one in my left," she said.
"How many pencils have I? Helen,
you may answer."

"Two," piped a small voice.
"Then one and one make two, do
they?"

"Sure!"
The teacher frowned at the disre-
spectful answer.

"That's hardly what you should have
said," she said. "Will some one in the
class tell Helen what her answer
should have been?"

There was a moment of hesitation.
Then one brown fist shot confidently
into the air.

"Ah, James, you may tell Helen
what she should have said."

"Sure, Mike!" shouted Jimmy in a
tone of triumph.—Kansas City Star.

Blessings of the Blind.

The calamity of the blind is im-
mense, irreparable. But it does not
take away our share of the things that
count—service, friendship, humor, im-
agination, wisdom. It is the secret
inner will that controls one's fate. We
are capable of willing to be good, of
loving and being loved, of thinking to
the end that we may be wiser. We
possess these spirit born forces equally
with all God's children. Therefore
we, too, see the lightnings and hear the
thunders of Sinai. We, too, march
through the wilderness and the solitary
place that shall be glad for us, and as
we pass God maketh the desert to be-
soms like the rose. We, too, go in unto
the promised land to possess the treas-
ures of the spirit, the unseen perma-
nence of life and nature.—Helen Kel-
ler in Century.

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The Pilot.

Original.

When Ben Paddock shipped with me for an able seaman he was absolutely disabled and sailed simply to be saved from himself. Ben had been a decent fellow and had a wife and two little children, but drink captured him, rendering him of no use to them and only a burden to himself. Indeed, he was a burden to them also till he left them.

Once aboard and subject to discipline he slowly righted, like a ship after a squall, and his own real identity reasserted itself. Fortunately for him, we were off for a long voyage, and there was not a drop of liquor aboard ship except under my charge, and I never gave Ben a drop from the time we sailed till we got back to the port we had left three years before. I liked Ben Paddock and did everything I could to help him get rid of the habit that had ruined him. I persuaded him not to take shore leave when we made ports, and at such times I often stayed



THERE WAS SOMETHING UNCANNY ABOUT HIM

aboard, keeping him company, that he should not get despondent and yield to temptation.

When Ben got back from the voyage he promised me he would observe certain rules I laid down for him to prevent a return of the thirst, then hurried to his wife and children, whom he never again left to the day of his death. He became a pilot for the port where he lived, and his services were in constant demand at good wages. He always declared that I had saved him and manifested unbounded grat-

tude.

Years passed. One December I was returning from a long voyage. I had promised my wife that if I made a successful trip I would sell my ship with the cargo and spend my old age with her at home. But all I possessed was in the ship and cargo. As I drew near port the wind began to blow a fierce gale from the east, and I feared that I would not be able to make an entry. If I could get in between the two tongues of land that formed the harbor's gateway I would be safe, but to do this I must have a pilot, and, even once entered, only a pilot could take the ship through the tortuous channel.

When I approached the harbor the wind was blowing right on shore. I looked about for a pilotboat, but saw only one, and it was scudding under jib and foretopsail to get in. I concluded to drop anchor and wait. In fact, it was all I could do, for I had approached too near to the shore. I had no confidence in being able to beat out in the teeth of the gale, and I feared the anchor wouldn't hold. It did not hold, and I soon saw that we were drifting ashore. It was growing dark, no succor was at hand, and with in sight of the haven of rest I had so long worked for I must see the fruits of my labor lost, perhaps our lives.

The shore outline had been infolded in the gloom when suddenly I saw the head of a man over the gunwale on the port side. Then came his body. Then he jumped down to the deck.

"Ben Paddock," I exclaimed, "where did you come from?"

He cast a glance at the jib fluttering in the wind and at the foretop. I yelled to the men to get up sufficient sail for steering headway, and when the sails were up Ben was at the wheel. I ordered the anchor let go, and she came about head on to shore.

My fears allayed, I began to wonder how Ben had got aboard. I was sure no pilotboat was within miles of us or had been before the darkness fell. But, grinning that one had heeded us unthought, how could she have sent us a pilot over a sea in which no smart boat could have lived? I was about to ask Ben for an explanation when I saw that we were about to make the entrance between the two tongues of land, and all his attention was concentrated on his work. My own attention, too, was directed to his figure. One glance at Ben brought the ship about, and I saw a wonderful sight. Steadily, as if the vessel was fairly flying and just watered the starboard point. For more than a mile from the point the channel on both sides was low and the channel serpentine. There was full sweep for the wind, and the way was still dangerous. Indeed, I would not have believed that mortal man could keep the ship about. Ben stood calmly at the wheel, intent on his work, never uttering a sound, now winding the wheel to port, now

letting it fly to starboard. I began to stand in awe of one who could work such a wonder. I wanted to go and

stand beside him, but somehow I couldn't do it. I made myself think that I feared to disconcert him in his critical work. This was not so. There was something uncanny about him that held me off.

At last we shot into the broad basin of the inner harbor. I called the men to lower an anchor—the one we had put out had been left on the bottom—and when I heard the chain rattle through the hawse pipes I turned to thank Ben for having saved us.

The wheel was deserted.

A light appeared on the water, and a boat approached. "How did you get in?" called a man in the bow.

"Ben Paddock—he piloted us."

"Ben Paddock! You're gone daft. He died a month ago."

Sticking to the Disagreeable Job.

It is the man who can stick to the disagreeable job, do it with energy and vim, the man who can force himself to do good work when he does not feel like doing it—in other words, the man who is master of himself, who has a great purpose and who holds himself to his aim, whether it is agreeable or disagreeable, whether he feels like it or does not feel like it—that wins.

It is easy to do what is agreeable, to keep at the thing we like and are enthusiastic about, but it takes real grit to try to put our whole soul into that which is distasteful and against which our nature protests, but which we are compelled to do for the sake of others who would suffer if we did not do it.

To go every morning with a stout heart and an elastic step, with courage and enthusiasm, to work which we are not fitted for and were not intended to do, work against which our very nature protests just because it is our duty, and to keep this up year in and year out require heroic qualities.—Success Magazine.

The Most Dangerous Fish.

The shark and the octopus are usually looked upon as the most dangerous among the denizens of the deep, but it appears that fishermen who frequent tropical waters have a much greater fear of the devilfish, the green moray and the swordfish. There seems to be unanimity of opinion that the shark and the octopus will not attack a boat, while the others which have been mentioned will. And, moreover, the attacks of the devilfish, the moray and the swordfish are a great deal more terrific than those of the shark and the octopus.

The devilfish is a large ray which infests the warm waters of the Atlantic. It attains a weight of a ton and a half, has horrible looking teeth and a barbed, poison holding spike in its tail which it uses with tremendous effect when it assails a party in a boat. The green moray is to be met with off the coast of Bermuda. It resembles a conger eel, but is green in color. The moray is reckoned the most savage inhabitant of any water.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Emma Vance has returned to her home in Connelleville after a visit with her daughter, Mrs. J. Frew.

Miss Genevieve Albeiz, of Homestead was an over Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. McDermott.

Mrs. J. A. Hart and daughter have left for Washington where they are moving.

Constable-Elect George Stablein is in Washington today to file his bond. He goes into office on May 1st, succeeding Ezra Conaway.

Harry Hopkins, of West Newton is in Charleroi this week looking up business interests.

William Cryster of Arnold was calling on friends and transacting business in Charleroi yesterday.

M. M. McDermott is transacting business in Pittsburgh today.

George W. Lumsden is a Pittsburgh visitor today.

Mr. and Mrs. George Risbeck were Pittsburgh visitors today.

H. H. Dawson is looking up business interests in Pittsburgh today.

E. E. Sloan of Ann Arbor, Mich., is in Charleroi spending a few days visiting friends and transacting business.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Duis of Monongahela were visiting friends in Charleroi yesterday.

Guy W. Reed, of Titusville, formerly of Charleroi is spending a few days with friends.

Miss Maud Spidell of Berryman's millinery department was a Pittsburgh visitor yesterday.

Mrs. F. R. Schenk of Knoxville, Pittsburg, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. L. Clark, on Lincoln avenue.

Had Showed Him the Right Way.

The colored boy was up in the children's court for the fifth time on charges of chicken stealing. This time the magistrate decided to appeal to the boy's father.

"Now, see here, Abe," said he to the old dandy. "This boy of yours has been up in court so many times for stealing chickens that I'm sick of seeing him here."

"Ah don't blame you, sah," returned the father. "Ain't sick ob seem' 'im 'hyah too."

"Then why don't you teach him how to act? Show him the right way, and he won't be coming here."

"Ah has showed 'im de right way, sah," declared the old man earnestly. "Ah has certainly showed 'im de right way, but he somehow keep gittin' caught comin' 'way wid dose chickens."—Woman's Home Companion.

Transvaal Terminations.

In perusing the names of South African towns in the daily newspapers many must have noted the word "fontein," which appears so often. This word is the English fountain, and towns with this termination have been named after Dutch farms, which are always built beside fountains of spring water. Thus Bloemfontein means "flowery fountain," Modderfontein, "muddy fountain," Klenfontein, "small fountain," and Ellandsfontein, "deer fountain." Another town termination which English readers must have noticed is that of "laagte," which is pronounced "laaghty." It means "shelter for animals," and hence when we talk of the battle of Ellandslaagte we may know that it was fought on a spot frequented by deer.—London Globe.

How to Make Home Happy.

Mary (angrily)—I think you are the biggest fool in town, John. John (mildly)—Well, Mary, mother used to tell me that when I was a little boy, but I never thought she was right about it until I married you.—Liverpool Mercury.

A Thackeray Retort.

Being asked once whether he had read any of the books of a popular novelist, Thackeray rejoined: "Well, no. You see, I am like a pastry cook. I bake tarts and I sell 'em, but I eat bread and butter."

The best remedy for wrongs done us is to forget them.—Syria.

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The Year and the Calendar.

After Julius Caesar corrected the calendar the year was still 11 minutes 14 seconds too long, amounting to one day in 125 years. As the centuries passed the interval between the commencement of the year and the spring equinox grew less. It was not, however, until 1582 that anything was done about it. Then Pope Gregory XIII. set out to remedy the difficulty. This he did by directing the suppression of ten days outright. In order to provide for the future he ordered that all century years (1700, 1800, etc.) which would ordinarily be leap years should be common years unless they were multiples of 400. This arrangement, which still holds good, leaves only one day too much in 3,400 years. A French scientist has proposed dropping an additional day in the year 3,200 and repeating the process every 3,200 years. This would leave us short one day every 30,000 years, which may be considered correct enough for all practical purposes. At any rate, the matter is not pressing.—New York Post.

Pie in England.

Pie came to the fore in England many centuries ago. It originated in the form of mince pie and was used in the celebration of Christmas. In its primitive stage it was baked in a deep sided dish, laced and covered with rolled out dough. The filling was of forcemeats, richly sweetened and spiced. This spicing and flavoring stood for the presents which the wise men bore to the Christ in the manger. For years and years this custom of having the Christmas mince pie prevailed, but finally it was denounced far and wide by the Puritans as a form of idolatry, and the government after parliament had suppressed the celebration of the birth of Christ took steps to stop the baking and eating of the mince pie. Eventually saner reasoning led to the taking off of the ban, and the pie eating custom was renewed.—London Standard.

Firm Resolution.

Dave Sadler was a brave Confederate soldier who was in the hospital at Richmond and who, in spite of his sufferings, always took a cheerful view of the situation. One day when he was recovering a visiting minister approached him and tendered him a pair of homemade socks.

"Accept these," said he. "I only wish the dear woman who knit them could present them to you in person."

"Thank you very much," said David gravely. "But I have decided that I never shall wear another pair of socks while I live."

The preacher protested, but to no purpose, and finally he sought out the boy's sister to tell her how foolishly the invalid had behaved.

"Oh, my," exclaimed she, "both his feet have been shot off!"

The Scent of Flowers.

As a rule the scent of flowers does not exist in them as in a store or gland, but rather as a breath, an exhalation. While the flower lives it breathes out its sweetness, but when it dies the fragrance usually ceases to exist. The method of stealing from the flower its fragrance while it is still living is no new thing, and it is still known when it was discovered that butter, animal fat or oil would absorb the odor given off by living flowers placed near them and would themselves become fragrant.

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NEW GARBAGE ORDINANCE PASSES FIRST READING

Council Takes Up Troublesome Matter at Adjourned Meeting

APPLICANTS FOR POLICE

To Cover Hill District Heard But No One is Elected to the Position

The new garbage ordinance which has been in preparation by the ordinance committee of council was taken up last night at the regular adjournment meeting and passed first reading. This ordinance if it passes the three readings will mean a better method of handling the garbage, which has been causing the boro so much trouble. By it the garbage handling will be done by contract as in several other cities. It is likely that part of the old ordinance will have to be rescinded.

The applications for the new policeman for the hill district were taken up, there being four persons desirous of the position. They were Mr. Ambruster, Benjamin Zimmers, W. H. Riggie and Mr. Schafer. Secret ballot was taken five times by council, but none of the applicants secured the necessary four votes, so the matter was laid on the table until Thursday night. The applicants are to be notified in the meantime, that the one elected is to act as a policeman or fireman as council may direct.

The annual report of the treasurer was read, accepted and filed and the auditor's report was held over until Thursday night's meeting. The new elected treasurer's bond was accepted.

Deputy W. H. Riggie had a communication asking that he be allowed at his own expense to build a kennel for his bloodhounds in back of the lockup. The matter was held over until next meeting.

The request of the Board of Health that Robert Phillips be elected to serve as a member of that body was granted.

The matter of the grade and sidewalks on Lincoln avenue was placed in the hands of the street committee for investigation, to report to council.

Referring to the work of forest preservation in our state the Franklin Evening News says: "This state now owns eight hundred and fifty thousand acres of forest land, but like most of it, very low priced, but likely to bear timber again some day. Eighty four thousand acres have been bought within the last month. Thus large acres of free land will be secured for the use of the public and the chances are that it will for the most part be left to nature, so that the custom of making an artificial appearance in the wood by trimming and clearing things up, as private owners are prone to do, will not spoil all the wildwood in the common wealth. As a preserver of game, a protector of water supplies and a conservator of the timber supply the forestry department is a good thing and ought to be encouraged. Some time the state will get large sums of wood and lumber from its lands, as Germany and other countries do now."

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LOOKS LIKE ACHESON WOULD MAKE FIGHT

Washington, Pa., April 13.—Congressman E. F. Acheson is apparently preparing to make an independent fight for congress in the Twenty-fourth district against John K. Tener, the regular Republican nominee. With the consent of Acheson some of his friends in the Republican party are circulating petitions requesting him to become an independent candidate in November.

These petitioners are of the local option wing of the Republican party, who state they will not support Tener. They argue that Acheson is an independent candidate would draw heavy support from all parties.

The Rev. Frank Fish of Claysville, the prohibition congressional nominee, is quoted as saying that he expects to draw a greater portion of the Republican vote that supported Acheson at the primaries. The promise on vote in the district is about 2,000. Carl Gibson of Monongahela, the Democratic nominee, has declared his intention of making an active fight. Mr. Acheson today refused to discuss the proposition of running independently. It is believed, however, that he will fight Tener at the November election.

"They all Look Ahke to Mary."

This is the title of the next song to be given with the New York Sunday World. Words and music complete. Comic song hit of Ziegfeld's "Follies of 1907," which enjoyed a wonderful run at the New York Theatre last year and is now on a return engagement to New York. This is a great comic song. Humorous cover design by Starlans in color. Words and music by Billy Kent. Song published by arrangement with Maurice Shapiro.

Spring Opening.

Wagner's Ice Cream parlor on Wednesday. Afternoon 2 to 4, evening 7 to 11. Jenkins' orchestra. Go and see the Palace beautiful. 20122

THOUGHT HE WAS MORTALLY WOUNDED

Monongahela, April 13.—Two men were wounded by the accidental discharge of a revolver in a second hand store last evening. Bennie Wolfson, the proprietor, watched his assistant, Sam Lassensky, prepare to repair a revolver. The weapon was loaded. One shell exploded.

The ball went through Sam's finger and then penetrated the fleshy portion of Bennie's arm. Despite Bennie's cries and shouts of terror that he was mortally wounded, such was not the case. Dr. Stewart dressed the injuries and pronounced them trivial.

Wagner's Ice Cream.

You will find better ice cream at Wagner's, than any other place. Opening Wednesday afternoon and evening, hours 2 to 4 and 7 to 11. Jenkins' orchestra. 20122

Al Monie.

A black face comedian who is better than most black face men. At the Star. 21122

Ladies be Wise.

Buy your Easter outfit at Ross'. 20112

For Sale.

One Economy Gas Range. Party giving up housekeeping will sell above very cheap. Has been used four months. Can be seen at Fleming's McKean Ave. 20123p

Ever See Rats Act?

If not, or if so, go and see Dubee's animal circus at the Star. Three days only. 21122

Gets all Votes in His Ward.

One of the most remarkable features of the Republican primary election in this county Saturday was the vote polled by Charles A. Bentley, who is a candidate for re-election to the State Legislature. In his own, the Second ward, Monongahela, he received all of the 127 Republican votes cast.

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NEWS OF THE NEIGHBORING TOWNS TOLD

Lover.

Lover, Pa., April 13.—Mr. and Mrs. Laurie Gossitt and baby of Fredericktown, spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of Mrs. Gossitt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fran's Hope-well.

Jacob Sphar who has been seriously ill for the past few days is some better.

Amos Bonnell and family are moving to Gallatin where Mr. Bonnell is employed.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Duvall of West Pike Run, entertained several young folks Saturday evening. Those who were invited from here were Blaine Duvall, Charles Fox and Wm. Al'man.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rider were visiting relatives at Charleroi Sunday.

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The measles patients are Sam Morris and family near Garwood, Charles Scott's children, Velma Carson, Clay Williams and Ruth Sharp. Several others of the White Pigeon school who have been having them are almost well again.

A. B. Lutes and family, Noah Carson and family spent Sunday at the home of the Sproles Brothers, near Garwood.

Mrs. Laura Dickey spent Sunday with her sister at Belle Vernon.

Miss Alie Harrison spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of Joe Winnett.

Hiram Harner has had a phone placed in his residence.

The young folks attended a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Bonnell Saturday evening.

Miss Bertha Hansen spent Saturday and Sunday with her cousin, Miss Elsie Hansen.

Mrs. A. B. Waller who has been quite sick for five weeks is able to be out again.

Miss Maggie Bonnell is visiting at the home of Walter Pryor near Garwood.

Thomas Richards who had his hand hurt in a corn sheller some time ago is not much improved.

White Pigeon school closed last Thursday. Owing to measles in this school not many of the scholars were able to attend. However those who were able to be present and with the visitors who came in the afternoon the time was pleasantly spent. The teacher, Charles Fox, was presented with a pretty collar and cuff box. He in turn presented his scholars with a book. Velma Carson, Helen Sparr, Olive Scott and Viola Morris received gold pens. Etta Scott and Noel Almar received pencil boxes.

North Charleroi

North Charleroi, April 14.—Miss Stella Jacobs of West Elizabeth spent Sunday with her grandparents here.

W. F. Kline of Lock No. 3 spent Sunday at his home here.

L. E. Price of Str. Swan, Port Perry was calling on friends over Sunday.

Joseph Allfree of Lock No. 3 spent Sunday at his home here.

J. C. Powell of Lock 2 was visiting at the home of E. Lambert, Saturday.

Miss Nellie Rader has returned to her home in Port Perry after spending some time with her sister Mrs. Charles Crabb.

Miss Joetta Gregg of Coal Centre is spending a few days with relatives here.

Mrs. E. Lambert has returned home after spending a week with relatives in Coal Centre. Mrs. Lambert attended the funeral of her brother-in-law, L. D. Piper, Sr., who was buried Thursday.

Mary Wilson of Vesta was in town Saturday.

Miss Luceta Gregg has returned to her home in Coal Centre after visiting friends here.

Capt. Corrine and wife were Pittsburgh visitors Saturday.

Albert Spence was in town Saturday.

Edgar Cocaine was a Belle Vernon caller.

Allen Neuman of Venetia spent Sunday at the home of M. Davis.

George Pegg was a Monongahela caller yesterday.

William Shans and Andrew Craty were Monongahela callers Sunday.

Mr. Farmer; See Mountsler of Charleroi for seed oats and seed corn. 19-3 (f

BIG FIRE AT M'MAHON BORO DESTROYS PROPERTY

FOREIGNERS ENTERED HOME OF AGED COUPLE

An aged couple of near Booth, up Pigeon Creek, were severely maltreated by three foreigners who forced an entry into their home Saturday morning. The men are now under arrest, charged with forcible entry and assault and battery with intent to kill.

About 2 o'clock in the morning Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Blatt were aroused by persons breaking into their house. Before they could realize what was being attempted Mrs. Blatt was seized. She was brutally handled by her assailants despite her own struggles and the efforts of her husband. The men really turned their attention to Mr. Blatt. He was also severely beaten. Although Mr. and Mrs. Blatt were helpless the men finally left. However before leaving the premises the foreigners continued to vent their spite against the Blatts by hurling rocks and stones through the doors and windows.

The men arrested for the crime are John Tomcheff and Mike and Joe Danasko. This morning Mr. Blatt appeared before Alderman Sarver, of this place and made information against the trio. They were arrested by Officer Tibbels.

Neither Mr. nor Mrs. Blatt received dangerous injuries at the hands of the thugs. The men apparently had no intention of robbing when the house was entered as no attempt was made to carry off anything.

Everything Beautiful.

Wagner's Ice Cream parlor, which opens for the spring, on Wednesday is more beautiful than a millinery parlor. Jenkins' orchestra. Hours 2 to 4 and 7 to 11. 20122

Up-to-date Sketch

See Harry and Katherine Mitchell in their latest stunt. At the Star. 21122

WAGNER'S SPRING OPENING WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday Wagner's Ice Cream Parlor, on McKean avenue will be opened for the spring and summer, the opening this year to eclipse that of last year as an enjoyable event, if possible. There will be music by Jenkins' orchestra. Hours will be from 2 to 4 in the afternoon and 7 to 11 in the evening.

Ever See Rats Act?

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Get DeWitt's Carbolyzed Witch Hazel Salve—it is good for piles. Sold by Piger Bros. eod

Attend Wagner's Opening.

On Wednesday Wagner's Ice Cream Parlor and confectionary will be opened for the spring. Jenkins' orchestra will furnish music. Hours, 2 to 4 and 7 to 11. 20122

Several Buildings Burned and Loss Will be About \$8,000

STARTED AT 4 O'CLOCK

Monessen Fire Department

Did Noble Work in Checking the Flames

This morning a big fire occurred at McMahon boro which destroyed several buildings, threatening for a time to wipe out the whole town. The total loss of property is estimated to be about \$8,000. The Monessen Fire company was called soon after the fire was discovered and did heroic work, succeeding after nearly three hours of fighting, in checking the progress of the fire and getting it under control.

The fire started at 2:30 in the rear of a building belonging to Charles Resennin, and quickly spread to adjoining buildings. Before the Monessen Fire company could arrive upon the scene there were several houses on fire and the flames were gaining rapidly.

Even after the fire fighters arrived they had considerable trouble in getting a stream to play on any of the burning buildings, for the reason that they had to connect with a Monessen plug 70 feet away. This of course lessened the force of the water, but the wind was favorable and by five o'clock the fire was well in hand, and a little after entirely under control.

The following are the owners of property who suffered heavily: Arvi Faxberry, 2 houses, each worth \$1500, partially covered by insurance; Charles Resennin, building worth \$1500 insurance. Baptist church and a church adjoining belonging to the Baptist congregation, total loss \$2500, Jacob Ardeo building worth \$1000, totally destroyed.

Wind Up.

And buy your Easter suit at Ross'. 20112

WELL KNOWN MAN OF BROWNSVILLE DIES

Brownsville, April 3.—Oliver Miller, aged 76, a leading citizen of Fayette county, and widely known to the business people of Western Pennsylvania, is dead at his home in Brownsville. He conducted a flourishing mill in Brownsville for about 25 years and was personally acquainted with every farm owner in the three counties adjoining Fayette.

Mr. Miller was a large owner of coking coal lands and several years ago sold some of his properties from which he amassed a competency and retired from active business affairs. He was active in public affairs of the county and was a director in all the banks of Brownsville and in a number of industrial companies.

He is survived by his widow, one brother and one sister.

Up-to-date Sketch

See Harry and Katherine Mitchell in their latest stunt. The Star. 21122



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April 14 in History.

1861—Fort Sumter taken possession
of by Confederates, the Federals
marching out with flying colors.
1865—President Abraham Lincoln as-
sassinated by WILLIAM BUCH.
1905—Remains of Paul Jones, naval
hero of the American Revolution
discovered in Paris.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS:

Tonight and Tomorrow Morning
Sun sets 6:34, rises 5:17 moon sets
5:13 a. m. 4 p. m. planets Saturn and
Mercury in conjunction May 15 being
less than one half degree north of Sa-
turn; invisible because too near the
sun.

Arbor Day.

The American people are on the
verge of a timber famine. The an-
nual consumption of lumber is now
more than three times as great as the
annual growth. At the present rate
of growth and consumption, the day
is not far distant when the scarcity
of wood will be felt in our homes as
well as in our industries. Equally
serious is the waste of soil, which is
due to the reckless destruction of our
forests. Every time our creeks and
rivers become muddy we can see the
action of swollen streams in robbing
the land of its fertility. Forests
regulate the distribution of rainfall
and lessen the frequency and destruct-
ive effect of floods and freshets.

Pennsylvania has made a commen-
dable beginning in systematic
forestry. The State now owns more
than three-quarters of a million acres
of forest land. Under proper tilling
the farm does not lose by yielding a
harvest, and under proper methods of
forestry the mercantile timber can be
put upon the market without detri-
ment to the forest.

Trees are valuable not merely for
use as lumber, but also for shade and
fruit. Our State occupies a foremost
place in the value of its orchards and
fruit-trees. The rising generation
should feel a special interest in the
planting of the best varieties of
trees, and in their growth and pro-
tection against noxious insects and
other enemies. The annual obser-
vance of Arbor Day by the schools
and by the people, in cities as well
as in rural sections, has helped to
create public sentiment and to dis-
seminate useful knowledge with re-
ference to the planting and care of
trees and the preservation of our in-
herits.

In view of the benefits which arise
from the proper observance of Arbor
Day, Edwin S. Stuart, Governor of

Pennsylvania, has designated Friday,
the twenty-fourth day of April, 1908,
to be observed as Arbor Days throughout
the Commonwealth.

The merchants of Charleroi who
deal in feminine and those who
deal in masculine adornment as well,
are enjoying the trade that usually
comes just previous to Easter.
There is no need to go outside of the
town for anything needed. Charleroi
stores keep up-to-date the year around
and very false economy is practiced
by the buyer who expends train fare,
valuable time to go to the city to
buy, then only to find that the same
goods at perhaps a lower price are to
be found in the home town.

The missing word contest started
by the Mail is exciting a great deal
of interest and many replies have
come in, supplying the missing word.
The first week of the contest was pur-
posely made easy of solution in order
to have as many enter the contest as
possible. Those to follow will re-
compel the reader to read the adver-
tisements more closely. Watch for
the next page of advertising contain-
ing the missing word to be published
on Thursday.

While politics and regerally the
kind of politics afforded in Washing-
ton county, has a great deal of inter-
est to many readers, it is realized
there is also a large number who con-
sider the space devoted to the subject
a waste and the matter unworthy of
reading. The Mail hopes to "return
to earth" now and give the full quota
of local news, realizing that this
feature has been sadly neglected in
the stress of recent events.

Among the successful aspirants for
nomination for Assembly is Cary L.
Snuck, of Monessen, editor of the
Monessen News, who led the ticket in
his town and polled a deserved major-
ity elsewhere. Cary is the right sort
for the responsibilities of the office.

Some Echoes.

Congressman Acheson's new Local
Option rag appears to have been an
unbustible broncho. The Catfish
statesman was thrown down.—Con-
nellsville Courier.

John K. Tener, congressman, mub-
be. He's big enough and handsome
enough and he's a Republican.—New
Castle Herald.

There appears to be a desire for a
change in the representative in Con-
gress in E. F. Acheson's district.—
Umontown News Standard.

The voting was free from disorder,
and this is to the credit of the com-
munity and the county.—Canonsburg
Notes.

It was a fair and square contest
among Americans and settled in the
American way.—Donora Daily News.

A Wrong Diagnosis.

The small boy with the big bundle
of papers was observed to be moisten-
ing some of his stock in the street
fountain.

"Ah, my lad," said a benevolent old
gentleman, "it does me good to see
such an illustration of cleanliness."

"What do yer mean, boss?" asked
the boy as he stared up in wonder.

"Why, aren't you trying to wash
the mud spots off the edge of your
papers?"

"No, boss, you are way off. You
see, some of dese papers is two weeks
old, an' if I dampen 'em up a bit peo-
ple will think they are just from de
press an' never think of lookin' at de
date. Good graft, old sport! Say,
some day when I am a captain of in-
dustry I'll give you a job."

But the benevolent old gentleman
had fled.—Boston Post.

Gems In Verse

ON CUSTER BATTLEFIELD.

A CROSS of white, mud clustered head-
stones—a hill that sweeps unto the
stream
Where, on that tragic day in June time,
one caught the tepees' snowlike gleam.

THE plains are brown, and from the
hillsides they stretch in gentle waves
alar:
The silence of sweet peace broods o'er
them—there is no horrid hint of war.

NO hint save marble slabs, far scattered
—some on the ridge, some in the
vale.

NO sound to break the prairie quiet—
but suddenly there seems to float
A song that breathes of benediction—the
meadow lark's pure liquid note.

—Denver Republican.

ETIQUETTE IN KASSALA

A Chat Between a Male Headdress and
Two Native Ladies.

Some of the traditional observances
in the polite society of other lands af-
ford, in addition to amusement, con-
siderable opposition to the free inter-
course to which modern conditions
have accustomed us. Mrs. Speedy,
one of the first English ladies to visit
Kassala, gives a good instance of this
in her "Wanderings in the Sudan"
when relating how she and her hus-
band received their first callers. Their
patroness was an Italian lady who had
long been a resident of the city.

"In the morning a rap came to the
door," writes Mrs. Speedy, "and on
opening it I saw madame, with two
Arab women, standing outside. She in-
quired cautiously if Charlie were with-
in, and on my saying that he was she
made a sign to the two ladies, who
drew the thickly concealing shawl still
more closely over their hidden faces
and moved off to one side in the pas-
sage, turning their backs to the door-
way."

"She then explained to me that they
were of very high rank and of a very
strict sect and must on no account be
seen by a strange man, especially not
by one who was of another nation and
an infidel. They were, however, very
anxious to see me and had come to do
so that day, and if Charlie would
not object to go below or into some
other room for a few minutes they
would make their visit very short."

"I represented the state of the case,
and he at once consented to absent
himself, his only regret being that he
should not have a chance to converse
with these ladies, as there were many
things which he wished especially to
know and which he was not likely to
have any opportunity so good as the
present for ascertaining. In turn, I
represented this side of the question
to madame, and after much hesitation
and whispered conversation in the pas-
sage a compromise was effected.

"It was arranged that, completely
veiled, the ladies should enter the
room, not venturing to turn their heads
in the direction of the masculine hea-
then, and that he should before they
entered turn his back to the direction
by which they would come in.

"This was all strictly carried out, and
thus, back to back and a considerable
distance apart, an edifying conversation
went on for half an hour, questions
being put in bland, inquiring tones and
dilettante replies given which appeared to
be quite satisfactory to both parties."

The Longest "Straight."

To the Buenos Aires and Panam-
a papers, the longest "straight" of
having on its system the longest
straight stretch of railway in the
world. The length of this is 2051
miles, and it is situated on the main
line, between 135 and 265 miles from
Buenos Aires. The straight was for-
merly broken by reverse curves form-
ing a detour around Lake Santa. The
longer portion was then 175 miles long
and was even then the world's record.
The lake having, however, practically
dried up the company suppressed the
curves and the cutoff was opened to
service on Oct. 15, 1907. It seems that
when the line was set out in the sev-
enties, at which time the country was
in the hands of the Indians, after leav-
ing Junin, which was a military out-
post and the last point of contact with
the Buenos Aires civilization, a course
of about west-northwest was set and the
line ran straight across the flat pampas
until it met another line about sixty
miles long, which was pushed out east-
ward from the western terminus Villa
Mercedes. There were no obstacles of
importance to avoid, and hence the
phenomenal bee line.—Engineer.

Cain's Wife.

"I never discuss marriage," said the
late General Fitz Hugh Lee, "without
thinking of an old colored preacher I
my state who was addressing his dark
skinned congregation when a white
man rose up in the back of the build-
ing.

"Mr. Preacher," said the white man.
"Sir to you," said the parson.
"Mr. Preacher, you are talking about
Cain, and you say he got married in the
land of Nod after he killed Abel. But
the Bible only mentions Adam and
Eve as being on the earth at that time.
Whom, then, did Cain marry?"

"The colored preached snorted with
unfeigned contempt.
"Huh!" he said. "You hear dat, bred-
eren an' sisters? You hear dat fool
question I am axed? Cain, he went to
de land of Nod, just as de good book
tells us, an' in de land of Nod Cain
gits so lazy an' so shless dat he up
an' marries a gal of one of dem no
count pore white trash families dat
de inspired apostle didn't consider
fittin' to mention in de holy word."

Departed Glories of Fex.

Fex the "fertile," the Rome of the
western Arabs, still retains traces of
the magnificence which made her in the
middle ages the rival of Mecca. In the
twelfth century the holy city, to which
when the road to Mecca was closed
pilgrimages were made, contained as
many as 700 temples, fifty of which
were adorned with marble pillars. In
those old days the city was the haunt
of philosophers, physicians and astron-
omers. A mere formal pretense of
study is now all that is practiced.
"They have Euclid in folio volumes," a
traveler writes, "but neither copied
nor read. The teacher sits crossleg-
ged on the ground and repeats in a
drawing tone between singing and
crying words which are echoed by the
scholars sitting around him." Fex, how-
ever, is honest enough in one respect—
she does not believe in outward show.
In the interior of the houses are apart-
ments decorated with paintings and
arabesques, while the outside walls
are often built of mud.

A GREAT CONVENTION OF COAL OPERATORS

A big meeting of the coal mining
men of West Virginia will be held at
Clarksburg on Monday and Tuesday,
June 29 and 30, organizing a State
Mining Institute, to be composed of
mining engineers, coal operators,
mine inspectors, miners and others
interested in mining.

The purpose of the organization is
to advance the coal mining industry
within the State; to encourage the
promotion of education in practical
and scientific mining; and for the
more particular purpose of bringing
the coal mining men of the State into
closer relation with one another and
promotion of friendly feeling through
social intercourse and the discussion
of mutual interests.

The first day of the big meeting
will be devoted to the organization of
the institute and on Tuesday, June 30,
papers on mines and mining will be
read and discussed. An effort will be
made to present a program suggestive
of good, practical discussion such as
will lead to the betterment of condi-
tions in the coal mining industry of the State.

Letters will shortly be sent out to
all parts of the State calling upon
the mining men to attend this big
meeting. The letters will be signed
by J. B. Hanford of Morgantown,
Chairman and John S. Cummings of
Tunnelton, Secretary. Mr. Hanford
is Vice President of the Coal Mining
Institute of America and General
Superintendent of the Elkins Coal and
Coke company.

Much Scandal Suppressed

There are a lot of people talking
about "yellow journalism" and the
"unbridled press" and all that sort
of thing who really do not know what
they are talking about. If the news-
papers were to print one-half of the
things they know about prominent
citizens and their wives and their
families and one-quarter of the
things that anonymous writers send
in to them and which are often found
to be true when investigated, there
are many reputations that would be
shattered up and and lots of families
that would be broken up. The news-
papers suppress far more than they
print. For every scandal that finds
its way into a newspaper a dozen are
suppressed out of consideration for
the families concerned. The average
newspaper suppresses a good deal
more news of an unseemly kind than
it prints. The true editor always
tries to make his newspaper superior
to the ideals of his clientele.—Pater-
son (N. J.) News.

Attention is called to by the Nation's
Eagle to our present day predicament
against fire while at the same time
there is in every other way a
reckless indifference that only re-
sults very disastrous. These
words "We have" in the
agency in our fire department. After
waterworks, improved fire alarm sys-
tems, scientific examination of large
buildings by inspection bureaus, improved
building codes, better methods and
materials, and all the usual fire
loss mounts up higher and higher.
A smoker will throw his burning
cigar stum careless away and parents
still allow their children to play
with matches, in spite of the known
danger of their so doing. We smil-
ingly assume the hazard of loss by
fire hundreds of times at home and
abroad, blindly trusting in that provid-
ence which are according to tradi-
tion, watches over fools and drunken
men. Household and business men
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LAW AND LITERATURE

Writers Who Might Have Won Reputa-
tion at the Bar.

The old connection between law and
literature was strengthened by the late
Sir Lewis Morris, who practiced as a
conveyancer in Lincoln's Inn while he
was establishing his reputation as a
poet. There have been several poets
who have abandoned the steep places
of the bar for the slopes of Parnassus,
but the late Sir Lewis Morris is the
only poet of repute who has found the
tasks of conveyancer not incompatible
with the cultivation of the muse. R.
D. Blackmore, the author of "Lorna
Doone," practiced as a conveyancer for
several years. Sir Walter Scott, speak-
ing of himself and law, said, "There
was no great love between us, and it
pleased heaven to decrease it on fur-
ther acquaintance." Most of the poets
who have sprung from the legal profes-
sion appear to have entertained the
same unfavorable view. Cowper, who
was a fellow pupil of Lord Thurlow
an attorney's office, was called to the
bar at the Middle Temple, but he quick-
ly yielded himself to the charms of
literature. Deaneham was a member of
Lincoln's Inn, and Thomas Gray, the
author of the famous "Elegy Written
in a Country Churchyard," studied for
the bar, but neither of these got beyond
the apprenticeship stage. Barry Corn-
wall was a solicitor.—Law Journal.

A HOMESICK PIONEER.

Poetic Plaint of One of the Early Set-
tlers in Missouri.

In wonder the people of today read
of the persistent cheerfulness with
which the pioneers went about the
business of settling the great west.
They are not aware of a great and
weakness of human nature to know
that the new men and their way of
the deer-skin leggings and coonskin
cap who grumbled.

One early settler who went from a
saug New England village to the fever
haunted prairies along the Missouri
was moved to put his complaints into
rhymes, one of which has survived
and is now carefully preserved by the
descendants of the early settler, who
live surrounded by the peaceful pros-
perity and comfort of a Missouri farm
right in the heart of the anathematized
prairie.

Oh, longsome windy grassy place,
Where howl do and snarl the prairie
The first was a de arth, look ing face,
The last was a de arth, look ing face,
The first was a de arth, look ing face,
The last was a de arth, look ing face,
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Breaking It Gently.

A man who had literary aspirations,
but lacked the literary instinct, once
wrote a story and took it to the editor
of a magazine. "I want you to read it
over carefully," he said. "It's intended
for a satire, and, if I do say it myself,
I think it's pretty clever."

The editor took the manuscript and
looked it over. A man or two suf-
ficient to show that the story was
for purposes of publication, but he hesi-
tated to crush a budding author and
proceeded to temper.

"Why, Mr.—er—Simmons," he said,
"your story has some crudities, of
course, and—"

"It's better if you get into it," inter-
rupted the author cheerfully. "It's
like some of Thackeray's stories."

"Ah, yes, Mr. Simmons, you do re-
mind me a good deal of Thackeray."

"Do?" inquired the editor.

"Yes," replied the editor, handing
him the manuscript. "You have a nose
just like his."—Youth's Companion.

Proper Form of Asseveration.

A teacher in the Gardfield school was
teaching a primary class the begin-
nings of arithmetic.

"Now, I have one pencil in my right
hand and one in my left," she said.
"How many pencils have I? Helen,
you may answer."

"Two," piped a small voice.

"Then one and one make two, do
they?"

"Sure."

The teacher frowned, at the disre-
spectful answer.

"That's hardly what you should have
said," she said. "Will some one in the
class tell Helen what her answer
should have been?"

There was a moment of hesitation.
Then one brown fist shot confidently
into the air.

"Ah, James, you may tell Helen
what she should have said."

"Sure, Mike," shouted Jimmy in a
tone of triumph.—Kansas City Star.

Blessings of the Blind.

The calamity of the blind is im-
mense, irreparable. But it does not
take away our share of the things that
count—service, friendship, humor, im-
agination, wisdom. It is the secret
inner will that controls one's fate. We
are capable of willing to be good, of
loving and being loved, of thinking to
the end that we may be wiser. We
possess these spirit born forces equally
with all God's children. Therefore
we, too, see the lightnings and hear the
thunders of Sinai. We, too, march
through the wilderness and the solitary
place that shall be glad for us, and as
we pass God maketh the desert to blo-
som like the rose. We, too, go in unto
the promised land to possess the treas-
ures of the spirit, the unseen perma-
nence of life and nature.—Eileen Kel-
ler in Century.

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Having satisfied myself that some people really would see hallucinatory pictures in a glass ball or in water, I examined the ethnological side of the question. I found by studying works of travel and anthropology that many savage and barbarous races gaze into water, polished basalt, rock crystals, and so on, for the purpose of seeing distant events, forecasting the future, detecting criminals, and so forth. It does not seem to me credible that so many and so widely separated peoples should agree with ancient Greeks and the races of western Europe in staring away if they did not see hallucinatory pictures. So I believe that some people do see them. Nor is this fact now denied by professors of psychology.

I have never been able to foresee from character, complexion, habit of mind and other indications what persons would prove capable of discerning even fancy pictures in a glass ball. The best gazers of my acquaintance, those who hit on pictures coincidental with actual events unknown to them or with the secret thoughts of a companion, are both of them not unfamiliar with other curious experiences. But I have tried with the glass ball two or three other friends who have seen what are vulgarly called "ghosts" and have seen nothing, while people who have seen "ghosts" do not see "hallucinatory" pictures in a glass ball.

If any readers care to make experiments, they can begin by purchasing a ball, or, of course, a glass jug of water will do, or even a teaspoonful of ink. In some cases, but both are inconvenient and may spoil. Having got the ball, it is best to go alone into a room, sit down with the back to the light, place the ball at a just focus in the lap on a dark dress or a dark piece of cloth, try to exclude reflections, think of anything you please and stare for five minutes, say, at the ball. That is all. If after two or three trials you see nothing in the way of pictures in the ball, you will probably never succeed.—Andrew Lang.

Circumstantial Evidence.

During a discussion in regard to circumstantial evidence a lawyer told of a remarkable case which, he said, appears in the Virginia reports. It was this:

A man was discovered drawing a knife from the prostrate form of another man near a roadside. The witnesses rushed upon him and took the weapon from him. It was still dripping with the warm blood of the victim. He was accused of the murder, but asserted his innocence. He claimed that he had happened along the road but a few moments before and saw his alleged victim struggling with another man. Before he could come up the unknown had driven his knife home and had fled into some brush close by. Seeing the knife still in the breast of the fallen man, he stooped over and drew it forth just as his accusers came on the scene. That was his story. The knife being identified as the property of the accused, no credence whatever was placed in his tale. He was tried, convicted and hanged.

A year later the man who had really committed the crime while on his deathbed confessed that he was the murderer and told how he had stolen the knife from the innocent man who had been sent to the gallows.

A Perfect Marriage.

Most people know and admire the work of the versatile William Blake, poet and artist, but few people know the story of his perfect marriage, for a perfect marriage it was indeed. In 1789 Blake fell in love with a pretty girl called Clara Woods, but she did not care for him, and the blow was a severe one to the impressionable young man. He left London and took up his abode at Richmond, where he lodged with a nursery gardener named Boucher. Mr. Boucher had a beautiful daughter, Catherine, and she became the confidant of the poet's love affair, and her generous sympathy so cheered Blake's mental sufferings that he gradually fell in love with the gentle girl. His affection was warmly returned, and Catherine Boucher married William Blake on Aug. 18, 1792. It was an ideal union. The young husband took a delight in teaching his wife, who was all eagerness to learn, and the modest gardener's daughter became eventually a cultured woman, who was an ardent hero worshiper of her clever husband and who cheered his life more than any one else could. Mrs. Blake learned to color her husband's drawings and was extraordinarily adept in the work.

Discovery of Osteopathy.

"The man who discovered osteopathy was a great sufferer from headache," said a man who claims to know. "He tried every remedy on earth almost, but could get no permanent relief. One day he had a terrible headache and went out into his front yard to lie under the shade of a big tree and rest his throbbing head on the cooling grass. Suspended from a limb of the tree was a rope swing used by the children. The man lay under this swing for awhile and finally put the rope under his head to act as a support. In a few moments he was surprised and pleased to find that his headache was much better. In half an hour the pain had gone. He began an investigation. He discovered that the rope swing pressed on the nerve in the back of the head. This pressure stopped the headache.

He had been so long suffering from pains could be relieved if nerves could be given the proper treatment—a massage. He started an osteopathic school and has made a grand success."—Nashville Tennessean.

DREAM FOOD.

Hashesh, the Strange Drug That Is Used in the Orient.

Hashesh, that strange drug which has given our language its word "hashish"—a man so-frenzied by the drug that he accomplishes murder—is used by the Persians, Turks and Egyptians in a manner akin to the use of opium by the Chinese. It is the product of a plant grown in large quantities in the Peloponnesus (southern Greece) in the district about Tripolizza. The plant grows to a height of about four feet, and its branches are thickly covered with small leaves and studded with tiny seeds.

The entire plant, stalk and branches, is cut within a few inches of the root and laid out in the sun to dry. The branches are then rubbed to separate the seeds, and these in turn are ground into a fine powder, which constitutes the drug. The drug has the power of inducing sleep and producing pleasant and fantastic dreams. Continued use of hashesh renders its devotees wild and reckless and results in a complete wreck of their mental and physical constitution.

For this reason the Egyptian government prohibited the importation of the drug and entered into a convention with Greece to prevent its exportation from there to Egypt, where the consumers of hashesh are very numerous.

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BRIGHT SAYINGS.

A Little Batch of Stories Related by an Englishman.

The sultan of Turkey had sent the queen of Spain a diamond bracelet. She had the stones reset in earrings and called the fact to the attention of Fuad Pasha, the Turkish envoy.

"His majesty," replied Fuad, "will be delighted that your majesty gives an ear to what comes from Constantinople."

To the same Fuad an Englishwoman indignantly said: "How many wives have you?"

"The same number as your husband, madam," said the wily Turk. "The only difference is that he conceals one of his and I do not."

When Robert Lowe married and said: "With all my worldly goods I thee endow," he grumbled to his wife afterward: "And at the time I hadn't a brass farthing."

"Oh, but my dear, you forget there is your genius,"

Lowe replied: "Well, you cannot say I endowed you with that."

In a much older story Frederick the Great is represented as saying angrily to the English ambassador of the day: "England is now without an ally upon the continent except God."

Sir Hugh Elliott instantly replied: "Yes, sire, but God is an ally that demands no subsidy."—From "Rambling Reminiscences," by Sir Henry Drummond Wolff.

What Might Have Been.

Lord Rosebery in an address at Glasgow university some years ago gave utterance to the following interesting speculation:

"Had the elder Pitt when he became prime minister not left the house of commons he could doubtless have induced George III. to listen to reason, introduced American representation into parliament and preserved the thirteen colonies to England. The new blood of America would have burst the old vessels of the constitution and provided a self-adjusting system of representation. There would have been no war of separation, no war of 1812, and finally, when the Americans became a majority, the empire would perhaps have moved solemnly across the Atlantic and Britain become a historic shrine, the European outpost of the empire."

The Roman Forum.

The Forum Romanum, the first that was erected in Rome, served equally for the purposes of trade and all public meetings as well as for the administration of justice by the consuls and other Roman magistrates. Later on, when the fora numbered some eighteen or twenty, they were divided into two classes, some for public meetings and the proceedings of the law courts and others for the various requirements of trade. The Roman forum corresponded to the agora, or market place, of the Greeks, and no Roman city was without this important center of judicial, political and commercial life.—New York American.

His Gratitude.

The Medical Record tells of a man who was cured of blindness by a surgeon remarkable for his unprepossessing appearance. When vision was fully restored, the patient looked at his benefactor and said:

"Lucky for you, young man, I did not see you before you operated or I would never have given my consent."

Humiliation.

"I tell you, sir, kissing the hand that smites you is nothing to what I saw in the hotel this morning."

"What was that?"

"The porter kicking the boots that had kicked him last night."—London Telegraph.

Art.

"Was that picture you just sold a genuine work of art?"

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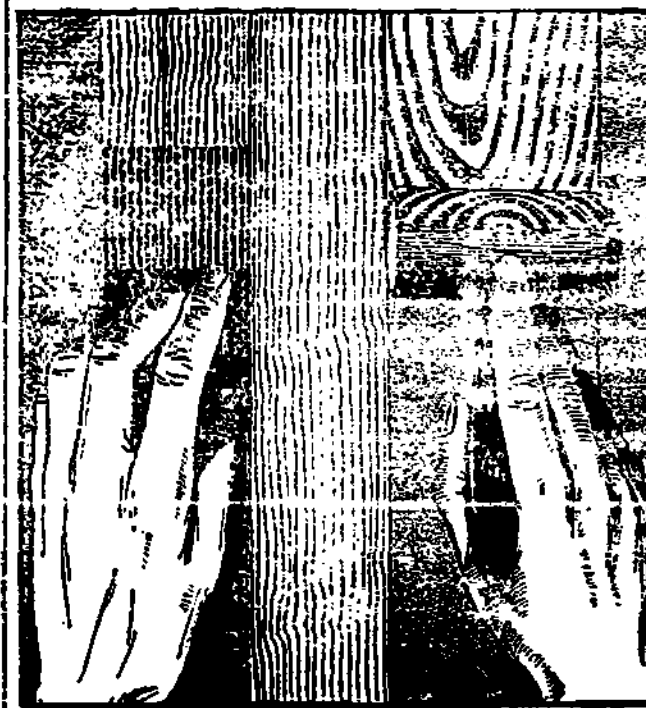
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